

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 18 JANUARY 2017**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Paul Carnell (Chair), Cllr. Stephen Carr, Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Ian Corben, Cllr. Jerry Hall, Cllr. Keith House (from 20.18 hours), Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. James Mitchell, Cllr. Cliff Morris, Cllr. Bruce Tennent, Cllr. Jane Welsh, Cllr. Chris Yates

1. Public Questions not on the Agenda

A member of the public advised members of her concern in no retaining wall having being built behind a certain number of houses along Foord Road abutting the new development at St John's Place. She commented that the developer, Foreman Homes, have dug down to a considerable depth and she expressed her concerns with the risk of potential subsidence. She stated that she has written to the developer and Borough Councillors regarding these points.

2. Apologies

Cllr. Cynthia Garton, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya

3. Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

4. To Receive a Police Report

Members requested that the Town Clerk advise the police of their disappointment in, once again, having no police in attendance.

5. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held Wednesday 16th November 2016

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

6. Chair's Remarks

On behalf of the Chair, the Town Clerk advised members that Val Houghton has tendered her resignation as a Town Councillor and the Notice of Vacancy has been issued.

The Chair welcomed members and the public to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He extended a warm welcome to Cllr. Cliff Morris who was recently elected to replace Emma Norman who moved to Wales.

The Chairman reported on his attendance at the official opening of the improved fitness suite at the Wildern Leisure Centre.

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- 7. Resolved Items for Noting Only:**
- a) Highways & Planning Committee – 16 November 2016
(Minute H45)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 16 November 2016 be received.**
 - b) Finance & Administration Committee – 6 December 2016
(Minute F744)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 6 December 2016 be received.**
 - c) Highways & Planning Committee – 7 December 2016
(Minute H49)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 7 December 2016 be received.**
 - d) Community & Culture Committee – 13 December 2016
(Minute CC919)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 13 December 2016 be received**
 - e) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 14 December 2016
(Minute R37, R38)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 14 December 2016 be received.**
 - f) Finance & Administration Committee – 3 January 2017
(Minute F750)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 3 January 2017 be received.**
 - g) Highways & Planning Committee – 4 January 2017
(Minute H56)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 4 January 2017 be received.**
 - h) Community & Culture Committee – 10 January 2017
(Minute CC925 (i), (ii))
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 10 January 2017 be received.**
 - i) Recreation & Amenities Committee - 11 January 2017
(Minute R42)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 11 January 2017 be received.**

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8. Matters for Resolution

Recommendation from Finance & Administration Committee

3 January 2017 – Minute F750

To consider and agree budget for the finance year 2017/2018

Members considered the budget recommendation made from the finance and administration committee meeting of 3 January 2017. The recommendation is to set the precept requirement for the Town Council at 0% and to remain unchanged at average Council Tax Band D £88.54.

RESOLVED

That the precept requirement for the Town Council remains unchanged at 0% with a precept of £659,059.89 plus EBC Council Tax Support Grant of £33,184.79, making a total of £692,244.68.

9. Borough and County Council Reports

Cllr. Margaret Allingham advised members that at the last HEWEB Local Area Committee, the Chairman welcomed newly elected Borough Cllr. Ian Corben to the meeting. At the same meeting, some 11 various Traffic Regulation Orders were passed. In addition, consideration was given to the Ageas Bowl Review for April through to September 2016.

Cllr. Jerry Hall added that the debate on the Traffic Regulation Orders took some time to discuss but felt that good and positive results were obtained. He mentioned that he is involved in the HEWEB strategic land acquisition assessment that is currently taking place.

Cllr. Ian Corben commented on the strategic land allocation, which will ultimately help shape the Eastleigh Borough Council Local Plan. He stated he was pleased to be elected as a Borough Councillor on 22 December 2016.

Cllr. Bruce Tennent provided an update on recycling centres. Hampshire County Council is being taken to court for the charges imposition and the judgement is being challenged. This has had the effect of reducing the opening hours in October. Cllr. Bruce Tennent reported that central Government has advised that there is to be 17,000 houses over 20 years built in the Borough of Eastleigh. He referred to two new garden villages that are planned to be created. They are to be in Welborne and Whitehill.

Cllr. Bruce Tennent advised that he has been engaged in many budget setting meetings at Hampshire County Council and that the County Council has decided to increase its element of the Council Tax by 3.99%. He advised that there is to be a change in the future on how

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GCSE's are graded and it will be based on a numerical system from 9 to 1.

Cllr. Keith House confirmed that the school planned for Horton Heath is now not proceeding. Feasibility work is currently being undertaken to look at the option of relocating the new school onto land in County Council ownership at Woodhouse Lane. This land is currently being considered for wider educational and residential development through the Eastleigh Local Plan process.

Cllr. Keith House confirmed that the Eastleigh Borough Council element of the Council Tax has been maintained at 0%.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.23 hours.